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Red Flag Warning

Sacramento- Due to warm, dry and extremely windy conditions, a Red Flag Warning has been issued for this weekend for southern Sacramento and northern San Joaquin Valleys as well as the surrounding Sierra foothills below 3,000 feet. The warning includes the bay area; Lake, Napa, Sonoma, San Mateo, Santa Cruz and Santa Clara counties.

Although temperatures are expected to cool, relative humidity will drop in this part of the state as winds will gust as high as 50 mph.

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) asks everyone in these areas to be especially careful with fire this weekend. "If you haven't yet created a defensible space around your home, now is the time", adds Jim Wright, CDF Chief of Fire Protection. "And if you are using any equipment near dry grass and brush, do so only in the cool morning hours."

A Red Flag Warning signals an increased state of readiness in the fire service. CDF unit chiefs may cancel days off, suspend burning permits, and increase dispatch levels.

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